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Draft decision submitted by the Bureau

Proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the proposed programme of work and timetable of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly as follows:

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Agenda items	*Dates for consideration*
Organization of work	Thursday, 4 October 2012 — a.m. (1 meeting)
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations	Monday, 8 October — p.m.
Economic and other activities that affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories	Tuesday, 9 October — p.m.
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Wednesday, 10 October — p.m.
Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories	Thursday, 11 October — p.m.
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	Friday, 12 October — p.m. Monday, 15 October — a.m. (6 meetings)

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University for Peace (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate)	Wednesday, 17 October — a.m.
International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate)	Thursday, 18 October — a.m. Friday, 19 October — a.m. (3 meetings)
Questions relating to information (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate)	Tuesday, 23 October — p.m. Wednesday, 24 October — p.m. Thursday, 25 October — p.m. (3 meetings)
Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate)	Monday, 29 October[1] — a.m. Tuesday, 30 October — a.m. Wednesday, 31 October — a.m. Thursday, 1 November — a.m. (4 meetings)
Effects of atomic radiation (interactive dialogue followed by a general debate)	Friday, 2 November — a.m. (1 meeting)
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (question and answer period followed by a general debate)	Tuesday, 6 November — p.m. Wednesday, 7 November — a.m. (2 meetings)
Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (question and answer period followed by a general debate)	Friday, 9 November — a.m. Monday, 12 November — a.m Tuesday, 13 November — a.m. (3 meetings)
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (draft programme of work for the next session) Programme planning Action on all pending draft resolutions and decisions	Thursday, 15 November — a.m. (1 meeting)
Total	**24 meetings**

[1] Friday, 26 October 2012 is an official holiday.

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Algeria, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Comoros, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Montenegro, Morocco, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Palestine: draft resolution

Assistance to Palestine refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 194 (III) of 11 December 1948 and all its subsequent resolutions on the question, including resolution 65/98 of 10 December 2010,

Recalling also its resolution 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949, by which, inter alia, it established the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East,

Recalling further the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Aware of the fact that, for more than six decades, the Palestine refugees have suffered from the loss of their homes, lands and means of livelihood,

Affirming the imperative of resolving the problem of the Palestine refugees for the achievement of justice and for the achievement of lasting peace in the region,

Acknowledging the essential role that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East has played for over sixty years since its establishment in ameliorating the plight of the Palestine refugees through the

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provision of education, health, relief and social services and ongoing work in the areas of camp infrastructure, microfinance, protection and emergency assistance,

Taking note of the report of the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2010,[1]

Aware of the continuing needs of the Palestine refugees throughout all the fields of operation, namely, Jordan, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

Expressing grave concern at the especially difficult situation of the Palestine refugees under occupation, including with regard to their safety, well-being and socio-economic living conditions,

Expressing grave concern in particular at the critical humanitarian situation and socio-economic conditions of the Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip, and underlining the importance of emergency and humanitarian assistance and urgent reconstruction efforts,

Noting the signing of the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements[2] on 13 September 1993 by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization and the subsequent implementation agreements,

1. *Notes with regret* that repatriation or compensation of the refugees, as provided for in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), has not yet been effected, and that, therefore, the situation of the Palestine refugees continues to be a matter of grave concern and the Palestine refugees continue to require assistance to meet basic health, education and living needs;

2. *Also notes with regret* that the United Nations Conciliation Commission for Palestine has been unable to find a means of achieving progress in the implementation of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 194 (III), and reiterates its request to the Conciliation Commission to continue exerting efforts towards the implementation of that paragraph and to report to the Assembly on the efforts being exerted in this regard as appropriate, but no later than 1 September 2012;

3. *Affirms* the necessity for the continuation of the work of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the importance of its unimpeded operation and its provision of services for the well-being and human development of the Palestine refugees and for the stability of the region, pending the just resolution of the question of the Palestine refugees;

4. *Calls upon* all donors to continue to make the most generous efforts possible to meet the anticipated needs of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, including with regard to increased expenditures arising from the serious socio-economic and humanitarian situation and instability in the region, particularly in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and those mentioned in recent emergency appeals;

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[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 13* (A/66/13); and ibid., *Supplement No. 13A* (A/66/13/Add.1).

[2] A/48/486-S/26560, annex.

5. *Commends* the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East for its provision of vital assistance to the Palestine refugees and its role as a stabilizing factor in the region and the tireless efforts of the staff of the Agency in carrying out its mandate;

6. *Decides* to invite Luxembourg, in accordance with the criterion set forth in General Assembly decision 60/522 of 8 December 2005, to become a member of the Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.